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Site Definition Sheet

School name:Class or group name:
Name(s) of Student(s) filling in Site Definition Sheet:
Date: Check one: \square New Site \square Metadata Update
Site Name:(create a unique name that describes the location of your site)
Coordinates: Latitude: \Box N or \Box S Longitude: \Box E or \Box W
Elevation: meter
Source of Location Data (check one): GPS Other
If Other, describe:
Name of Water Body:(Name commonly used on maps)
Water Type: ☐ Salt (> 25 ppt) ☐ Brackish (2-25 ppt) ☐ Fresh (<2 ppt)
Moving Water:
☐ Stream or river
□ Other
Approximate width of moving water: meters
Standing Water: ☐ Pond ☐ Lake ☐ Reservoir ☐ Bay ☐ Ditch ☐ Ocean ☐ Estuary
□ Other:
Size of Standing Water: ☐ Much smaller than 50 m X 100 m
□ Roughly 50 m X 100 m
☐ Much larger than 50 m X 100 m
Approximate Area of Standing Water: km ²
Average Depth of Standing Water: meters
Sample Location:
□ Outlet □ Bank □ Bridge □ Boat □ Inlet □ Pier
Can you see the bottom?:
☐ Yes ☐ No

Channel/Bank Material (Check all that apply):
☐ Soil ☐ Rock ☐ Concrete ☐ Vegetated bank
Bedrock (Check all that apply):
☐ Granite ☐ Lime stone ☐ Volcanics ☐ Mixed sediments ☐ Don't Know
Freshwater Habitats Present (Check all that apply):
☐ Rocky substrate ☐ Vegetated banks ☐ Mud Substrate ☐ Sand substrate
☐ Submersed vegetation ☐ Logs
Saltwater Habitats Present (Check all that apply):
☐ Rocky shore ☐ Sandy shore ☐ Mud flats/Estuary
Dissolved Oxygen Kit
Manufacturer: ☐ Lamotte ☐ Hach ☐ Other :
Model Name:
Alkalinity Kit
Manufacturer: ☐ Lamotte ☐ Hach ☐ Other:
Model Name:
Nitrate Kit
Manufacturer: ☐ Lamotte ☐ Hach ☐ Other :
Model Name:
Salinity Titration Kit
Manufacturer: Lamotte
Model Name:
Comments: General description of your study site and metadata

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School name:				
Student group:				
Date:				
Dissolved Oxygen:				
Temperature of distilled w	vater:°C; Ele	evation of your site	e: meters	
Dissolved Oxygen for the	shaken distilled w	rater:		
Observer 1: mg/L	Observer 2:	mg/L Observei	: 3: mg/L A	verage: mg/L
Solubility of oxygen in wa for your temperature at sea level from Table 3-1:	for you	ır elevation	Expected for DO in distilled w	your
m	.g/L x	=		mg/L
Salinity				
Salinity of Standard: Obs	erver 1: pp	t Observer 2:	ppt Observe	3: ppt
Average Salinity: p	pt			
Alkalinity				
Standard used (check one): Baking soda star	ndard: Pui	rchased standard: _	
Alkalinity of standard:	mg/L			
For kits that read alkalinit	y directly:			
Observer 1: mg/L as	s CaCO ₃ Observer	2: mg/L as	CaCO ₃ Observer 3	: mg/L as CaCO
Average: mg/L as Ca	aCO ₃			
For kits in which drops a	e counted:			
	Observer 1	Observer 2	Observer 3	Average
Number of drops:	drops	drops	drops	drops
Conversion constant for your kit and protocol:	X	X	X	X
Total Alkalinity: (mg/L as CaCO ₃)	= mg/L	= mg/L	= mg/L	= mg/L
Nitrata Nitragan				
Nitrate-Nitrogen Observer 1: mg/L N	O - N Observer	2· mg/I N∩	N Observer 3:	mg/L NO ⁻ N
Average: $mg/L NO_3^{-1}$	9			
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School name:	
Class or group name:	
Name(s) of Student(s) collecting data:	
Measurement Time: Year: Month: Time: (UT) Time: Name of Site :	
Water State: (check one) ☐ Normal ☐ Flooded ☐ Dry ☐ Frozen ☐ Unreachable	
Transparency	
Cloud Cover (check one): ☐ no clouds ☐ broken (50%-90%) ☐ clear (<10%) ☐ overcast (>90%) ☐ isolated clouds (10%-24%) ☐ obscured ☐ scattered (25%-49%) Enter data below, depending on whether you are using the Secchi Disk or	the Transparency Tube method.
Secchi Disk	
First Secchi Disk Test: Distance from observer to where disk disappears (m)	
Distance from observer to where disk reappears(m)	
Distance from observer to water surface(m)	
☐ Secchi Disk reaches the bottom and does not disappear. If checked enter depth to the bottom of the water site (m)	
Second Secchi Disk Test: Distance from observer to where disk disappears (m)	
Distance from observer to where disk reappears (m)	
Distance from observer to water surface(m)	
☐ Secchi Disk reaches the bottom and does not disappear. If checked enter depth to the bottom of the water site (m)	
Third Secchi Disk Test: Distance from observer to where disk disappears (m)	
Distance from observer to where disk reappears (m)	
Distance from observer to water surface(m)	
☐ Secchi Disk reaches the bottom and does not disappear. If checked enter depth to the bottom of the water site (m)	

Transparency Tube

_	is still visible when the tuk epth of the turbidity tube'	1	n of the tube and check the
Test 1(cm):	Greater than depth of tra	ansparency tube? 🗖	
Test 2(cm):	Greater than depth of tra	ansparency tube? 🗖	
Test 3(cm):	Greater than depth of tra	ansparency tube? 🗖	
Water Tempera	ture		
Average:	Observer Name		Temperature °C
	1.		
	2.		
°C	3.		
Dissolved Oxyg o Average:	Observer Name		Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L)
Average.	1.		Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L)
	2.		
mg/L	3.		
Conductivity: Te	mperature of water sample	e being tested:°C	
Average:	Observer Name		Conductivity (µS/cm)
	1.		
	2.		
µS/cm	3.		
	ity Standard: MicroS	·	
	red with: (check one) \Box p	·	рН
<i>Vater pH:</i> Measu	red with: (check one) □ p	paper 🗖 meter	-
<i>Nater pH:</i> Measu	red with: (check one) □ p	paper □ meter If salt added,	-
Water pH: Measu	red with: (check one) 🗖 p	paper □ meter If salt added,	-

Salinity				
Tide Information				
Time of tide before m	easureme	nt:	_ hours and minute	S
Check one: 🗖 High T	Tide: 🗖	Low Tide	Check one: 🗖 UT	☐ Local time
Time of tide after mea	surement	t:	hours and minutes	
Check one: 🗖 High T	ide: 🗖 1	Low Tide	Check one: 🗖 UT	☐ Local time
Place where these tide	es occur: .			
Salinity (Hydrome	eter Met	hod)		
		Test 1	Test 2	Test 3
Temperature of water in 500 mL cylinder	er	°C	°C	°C
Specific Gravity:				
Salinity of Sample:		ppt	ppt	ppt
Average Salinity:	ppt			
Optional Salinity	Titration	1		
Salinity of Sample:		Test 1:	ppt Test 2:	_ppt Test 3: ppt
Average Salinity:	ppt			
Alkalinity: (For kits	that read	l alkalinity directl	у)	
Average:	Observ	ver Name		Alkalinity (mg/L as CaCO ₃)
	1.			
	2.			

Alkalinity: (Hach kits or other kits in which drops are counted)

3.

Observer Name	Number of Drops	X	Conversion constant for your kit	=	Total Alkalinity (mg/L as CaCO ₃)
1.		X		=	
2.		X		=	
3.		X		=	

Average: ____mg/L as CaCO₃

_ mg/L as CaCO₃

Total Nitrate + Nitrite (NO_3^- -N + NO_2^- -N)

Average: Nitrate+Nitrite	Observer Name	Nitrate and Nitrite (mg/L NO_3 - $N + NO_2$ - N)
	1.	
	2.	
mg/L	3.	

Nitrite-Nitrogen (NO₂--N) (optional)

Average: NO ₂ -N	Observer Name	Nitrite (mg/L NO ₂ -N)
	1.	
	2.	
mg/L	3.	

Freshwater Macroinvertebrate Identification

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chool name:
Class or group name:
Name(s) of Student(s) collecting data:
Date samples collected: Year : Month: Day :
Name of Study Site :
or a rocky bottom with running water site:
Riffles: Number of samples:
Runs: Number of samples:
Pools: Number of samples:
Total samples = 3)

For a multi-habitat site:

Habitats	Estimate of % Area	Number of samples (<u>%Area X 20)</u> 100
Submersed vegetation		
Vegetated banks, around logs, snags, roots		
Muddy bottom		
Gravel or sand		
Total	100%	20 samples

Taxa Collected:

Phylum, Class or Order *	Family, Genus or Species (if known)	Common Name	Number: Total count OR >100	Did you sub-sample? Yes or No

^{*} required to most detailed level possible of Phylum, Class or Order

If taxon is sub-sampled:	
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Total number of squares in grid	
Multiply by	0.2
Number of squares to sample:_	
Comments	

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North Arrow

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Glossary





Abundance

The number of organisms in a sample or taxon

Accuracy

The closeness of a measured value to a true value (See *precision*)

Acid

Any substance that can donate a hydrogen atom or proton (H⁺) to any other substance.

Acid Rain

Rain characterized by pH values below 6

Acidic

Characterized by pH < 7

Acidity

- 1. The amount of strong base (e.g. Sodium Hydroxide) necessary to titrate a sample to a pH of around 10.3; measures the base neutralizing capacity of a water
- 2. An acid quality or state (Common Usage)

Aerosols

Liquid or solid particles dispersed or suspended in the air

Alkaline

Characterized by pH > 7

Alkalinity

The amount of strong acid (e.g. Hydrochloric Acid) necessary to titrate a sample to a pH of around 4.5. Measures the acid neutralizing capacity of a water and is often reprinted as ppm CaCO₃.

Aqueous

Containing or contained in water

Background Concentration

The level of chemicals present in a water due to natural processes rather than due to human contribution

Base

Any substance that accepts a proton (H⁺) from another substance

Benthic

Pertaining to bottom dwelling water animals or plants

Biodiversity

The variety of organisms

Brackish Water

Water containing dissolved salts at a concentration less than seawater, but greater than fresh water. The concentration of dissolved salts is usually in the range 1000 - 10,000 ppm.

Buffer Solution

One that resists change in its pH when either hydroxide (OH⁻) or protons (H⁺) are added. The stable and known pH value of these solutions make them suitable for calibrating pH measuring devices.

Calibration

To set or check an instrument against an index or standard of known value through some type of proportional or statistical relationship.

Catchment Basin

- 1. The part of a river-basin from which rain is collected, and from which the river gets its water. Each catchment basin is with the boundary defined by the watershed. The term watershed is often incorrectly used to describe catchment basins.
- 2. The area drained by a river or stream

Chlorinity

The chlorine concentration of a solution

Colorimetric Method

Many procedures for measuring dissolved substances depend on color determination. The underlying assumption is that the intensity of the color is proportional to the concentration of the dissolved substance in question.

Conductivity

The ability of an aqueous solution to carry an electrical current. Depends upon the concentration of dissolved salts (ions), the type of ions, and the temperature of the solution. Typical units are microSiemens/cm or micromhos/cm. (These are equivalent).

Denitrification

The act or process of reducing nitrate to ammonia. Nitrite may be an intermediate product.



Density

The ratio of the mass of a substance to its volume

Dissolved Oxygen

The mass of molecular oxygen dissolved in a volume of water. The solubility of oxygen is affected non-linearly by temperature; more oxygen can be dissolved in cold water than in hot water. The solubility of oxygen in water is also affected by pressure and salinity; salinity reduces the solubility of oxygen in water.

Dissolved Solids

Solid particles that have become liquid by immersion or dispersion in a liquid (e.g. salts)

Enrichment

Making a water more productive (e.g. by adding nutrients)

Eutrophication

A high level of productivity in a water body, often due to an increased supply of nutrients

Evaporation (of water)

Change from liquid to vapor at a temperature below the boiling point

Evenness

How equally abundant the taxa are in a sample

Hydrologic Cycle

The series of stages through which water passes from the atmosphere to Earth and returns to the atmosphere. Includes condensation to form clouds, precipitation, accumulation in soil or bodies of water and re-evaporation

Hypothesis

A tentative statement made to test its logical or empirical consequences

In Situ

Situated in its original natural place (Latin)

Lentic

Relating to, or living in standing water (lakes, ponds or swamps)

Logarithmic Scale

A scale in which each unit increment represents a tenfold increase or decrease

Lotic

Relating to, or living in actively moving water (streams or rivers)

Macroinvertebrates

Animals that have no backbone and are visible with the naked eye (>0.5 mm)

MicroSiemens/cm

Metric unit of measurement for conductivity. Equivalent to micromhos/cm

Micromhos/cm

Standard unit of measurement for conductivity. Equivalent to microSiemens/cm

Molar

Unit of measurement for concentration (moles per liter of solution).

Molecule

The smallest fundamental unit (usually a group of atoms) of a chemical compound that can take part in a chemical reaction

Natural Waters

Systems that typically consist of the sediments/minerals and the atmosphere as well as the aqueous phase; they almost always involve a portion of the biosphere.

Neutral

Characterized by pH = 7

Nitrate

A salt of nitric acid (HNO₃). Nitrates are often highly soluble and can be reduced to form nitrites or ammonia.

Nitrate-Nitrogen

Concentrations of nitrate (NO₃·) are often expressed as mass of nitrogen per volume of water

Nitrite

A salt of nitrous acid (HNO₂). Nitrites are often highly soluble and can be oxidized to form nitrates or reduced to form ammonia

Nitrite-Nitrogen

Concentrations of nitrite (NO₂⁻) are often expressed as mass of nitrogen per volume of water.

pН

The negative logarithm of the molar concentration of protons (H⁺) in solution

Photosynthesis

The process in which the energy of sunlight is used by organisms, esp. green plants to synthesize carbohydrates from carbon dioxide and water





In a stream or river, a deeper region with slower-moving water and smaller sediments

ppm

Usually parts per million. (Equivalent to milligrams per Liter in GLOBE calculations)

ppm Chlorinity

By weight, equal to milligrams of chlorine per Liter, with the assumption that one Liter of water weighs one kilogram

ppt

Usually parts per thousand. (Equivalent to grams per Liter in GLOBE calculations)

Precipitation

- 1. The falling products of condensation in the atmosphere. e.g. rain, snow, hail
- 2. Separation in solid form from a solution due to chemical or physical change (e.g. adding a reagent or lowering the temperature)

Precision

A measurement for the degree of agreement between multiple analyses of a sample (See *accuracy*)

Productivity

The formation of organic matter averaged over a period of time such as a day or a year

Proton

A positively charged elementary particle found in all atomic nuclei. The positively charged hydrogen atom (H⁺)

Reagent

A substance used to cause a reaction, especially to detect another substance

Reduce

In chemical terms, to change from a higher to a lower oxidation state (i.e. gain electrons)

Richness

The number of different taxa

Riffle

In a stream or river, a shallower area with faster-flowing water and larger sediments

Run

In a stream or river, an intermediate category between pool and riffle. A run does not have the turbulence of a riffle, but moves faster than in a pool.

Runoff

The component of precipitation that appears as water, flowing in a stream or river

Saline Water

Water containing salt or salts

Salinity

A measure of the concentration of dissolved salts, mainly sodium chloride, in brackish and salty water

Salts

Ionic compounds which in water solution yield positive (excluding H⁺) and negative (excluding OH⁻) ions; the most common of which is sodium chloride, or "table salt"

Saturated Solution

A solution that contains the maximum amount of dissolved substances at a given temperature and pressure

Snag

A tree or branch embedded in the bed of the water body

Solubility

The relative capability of being dissolved

Solute

A substance that dissolves in another to form a solution

Solution

A homogeneous mixture containing two or more substances

Solvent

A substance that dissolves another to form a solution

Specific Heat

The heat in calories required to raise the temperature of one gram of a substance by one degree Celsius

Specific Gravity

The ratio of the density of a substance to the density of water (at 25°C and 1 atmosphere)

Standardization

To cause to conform to a standard

Standard

A measure with a value established through outside means for use in calibration; a known reference



Suboxic Water

Very low levels of dissolved oxygen; denitrification occurs (nitrate is converted to ammonia)

Suspended Solids

Solid particles in a fluid that do not dissolve or settle out

Suspensions

A mixture in which very small particles of a solid remain suspended without dissolving

Taxa

Plural of taxon

Taxon

A group of organisms of any particular rank (such as order, family, genus). Singular of taxa

Tides

The periodic rise and fall of the waters of the ocean and its inlets, produced by the attraction of the moon and sun. Occurs about every 12 hours.

Titrant

The reagent added in a titration

Titration

The process of ascertaining the quantity of a given constituent by addition of a liquid reagent of known strength, and measuring the volume of reagent necessary to convert the constituent through a given reaction

Topography

The surficial relief features of an area

Total Dissolved Solids

The total mass of solids remaining when a given volume of filtered water is evaporated to total dryness following an accepted protocol

Transparency

Having the property of transmitting rays of light through its substance so that bodies located behind can be distinctly seen

Turbid

Not clear, or transparent due to stirred up sediment

Water Quality

A distinctive attribute or characteristic trait of water, described by physical, chemical, and biological properties

Watershed

The line separating the waters flowing into different rivers, river basins or seas; a narrow elevated tract of ground between two drainage areas.; see *catchment basin*

Water Vapor

Water in the gaseous phase